No. 16-1011	
Title:	**WesternGeco LLC, Petitioner** **v.** **ION Geophysical Corporation**
Docketed:	February 17, 2017
Linked with 16A576	
Lower Ct:	United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
Case Numbers:	(2013-1527, 2014-1121, 2014-1526, 2014-1528)
Decision Date:	September 21, 2016
Questions Presented	

DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Dec 08 2016	Application (16A576) to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari from December 20, 2016 to February 17, 2017, submitted to The Chief Justice.
Dec 13 2016	Application (16A576) granted by The Chief Justice extending the time to file until February 17, 2017.
Feb 17 2017	Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due March 20, 2017)
Mar 08 2017	Order extending time to file response to petition to and including April 19, 2017.
Apr 19 2017	Brief of respondent ION Geophysical Corporation in opposition filed.
May 08 2017	Reply of petitioner WesternGeco LLC filed.
May 09 2017	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of May 25, 2017.

May 30 2017	The Acting Solicitor General is invited to file a brief in this case expressing the views of the United States. Justice Alito took no part in the consideration or decision of this petition.
Dec 06 2017	Brief amicus curiae of United States filed. Proof of Service Main Document
Dec 20 2017	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of 1/5/2018.
Dec 20 2017	Supplemental brief of respondent ION Geophysical Corp. filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Jan 08 2018	DISTRIBUTED for Conference of 1/12/2018.
Jan 12 2018	Petition GRANTED. Justice Alito took no part in the consideration or decision of this petition.
Jan 25 2018	Letter of amendment to corporate disclosure statement from respondent ION Geophysical Corp. filed. (Distributed) Main Document
Feb 01 2018	Blanket Consent filed by Respondent, ION Geophysical Corporation. Blanket Consent
Feb 02 2018	Blanket Consent filed by Petitioner, WesternGeco LLC. Blanket Consent
Feb 23 2018	SET FOR ARGUMENT on Monday, April 16, 2018.
Feb 23 2018	Brief of petitioner WesternGeco LLC filed. Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Feb 23 2018	Joint appendix filed. Main Document Proof of Service

Feb 27 2018	Brief amicus curiae of New York Intellectual Property Law Association in support of neither party filed. Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 01 2018	Brief amicus curiae of Law Professor Stephen Yelderman filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 02 2018	Brief amicus curiae of Power Integrations, Inc. filed. Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 02 2018	Brief amici curiae of Intellectual Property Law Scholars in support of neither party filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 02 2018	Brief amicus curiae of United States filed. Main Document Proof of Service
Mar 02 2018	Brief amicus curiae of Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 02 2018	Brief amicus curiae of Houston Intellectual Property Law Association in Support of Neither Party filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 05 2018	Brief amicus curiae of Intellectual Property Owners Association filed in Support of Neither Party. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 05 2018	Brief amicus curiae of American Intellectual Property Law Association filed in Support of Neither Party. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service

Mar 07 2018	CIRCULATED
Mar 09 2018	Motion of the Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument filed. Proof of Service Main Document
Mar 26 2018	Brief of respondent ION Geophysical Corporation filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Mar 28 2018	Justice Alito is no longer recused in this case.
Mar 30 2018	Record requested from U.S.C.A. Federal Circuit.
Apr 02 2018	Brief amici curiae of Electronic Frontier Foundation and R Street Institute filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Apr 02 2018	Brief amici curiae of Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc., The Internet Association, SAS Institute Inc., Symmetry, LLC, and Xilinx, Inc. filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Apr 06 2018	Record received from the U.S.D C. Southern District of Texas Brownsville Division is electronic and can be accessed through the electronic case filing system for the Southern District of Texas. Sealed documents was sent to this Court, the record is electronic.
Apr 06 2018	Record from the U.S.C.A. Federal Circuit is electronic and located on PACER, with the exception of 1 Box of Confidential material.
Apr 09 2018	Reply of petitioner WesternGeco LLC filed. (Distributed) Main Document Certificate of Word Count Proof of Service
Apr 13 2018	Motion of the Solicitor General for leave to participate in oral argument as amicus curiae and for divided argument

	GRANTED.
Apr 16 2018	Argued. For petitioner: Paul D. Clement, Washington, D. C.; and Zachary D. Tripp, Assistant to the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. (for United States, as amicus curiae.) For respondent: Kannon K. Shanmugam, Washington, D. C.
Jun 22 2018	Judgment REVERSED and case REMANDED. Thomas, J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which Roberts, C. J., and Kennedy, Ginsburg, Alito, Sotomayor, and Kagan, JJ., joined. Gorsuch, J., filed a dissenting opinion, in which Breyer, J., joined.
Jul 24 2018	JUDGMENT ISSUED.

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